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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated A-protein containing an amino acid sequence, which has at least 95% homology to the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, or its salt a salt thereof.
2. (Currently Amended) The protein or its a salt thereof according to claim 1, which has a GABA transporter activity.
- 3-11. (Cancelled).
12. (Currently Amended) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits a GABA transporter activity, comprising the protein ~~or its salt~~ according to claim 1, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, ~~according to claim 3.~~
13. (Currently Amended) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits a GABA transporter activity of the protein ~~or its salt~~ according to claim 1, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof ~~according to claim 3,~~ comprising the protein or its salt according the claim 1, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, ~~according to claim 3.~~
- 14-19. (Cancelled).

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20. (New) An isolated protein containing an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, or a salt thereof.

21. (New) The protein or a salt thereof according to claim 20, which has a GABA transporter activity.

22. (New) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits a GABA transporter activity, comprising the protein according to claim 20, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof.

23. (New) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits a GABA transporter activity of the protein according to claim 20, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, comprising the protein or its salt according to claim 20, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof.